

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Singapore Talks

MR David Marshall and his all-party delegation began talks with the British Government today on independence for Singapore. Let it be said immediately that Mr Marshall's chances of success are not nearly as bright as they were at the beginning of the year. And it is most unlikely, for a number of good reasons, that Singapore will get as full an independence immediately as Ceylon, India, Australia and Canada now enjoy in the full maturity of adulthood.

The good reasons are: Mr Marshall himself, the doubts that his untidy and effervescent neighbour, and, among others, Britain's doubts about the ability of Singapore to survive politically or economically as an island state detached for any length of time from the mainland. This Mr Marshall may find hard to refute in view of responsible opinion in Singapore that prevent instability hedges ill for the Colony either with or without independence.

THE view cannot be lightly dismissed as a biased "colonial" attitude — even though this may be the Singapore delegation's interpretation. Britain must try to impress upon the Colony it is as determined as ever to proceed with its original independence formula but at the same time it must ensure that the Colony gets the more durable kind that will survive the tempestuous months ahead.

Can it be doubted that they will be turbulent? Mr Marshall, an admittedly garrulous person with a regrettably uneven temperament, is on record that he expects assassination within two years. If this is to be taken seriously, considering Mr Marshall is one of the very few who could possibly be considered an "eligible" leader, it is perhaps one good reason why the Colony should not have full independence right away.

All this serves to underline that the most important subject for discussion in London will be internal security. On this point, Merdeka will stand or fall. To begin with Mr Marshall has to show that there are adequate powers to enable the city to survive a Communist rising. But it does not end there. Britain, since the last talks on the Colony's future, is faced with the loss of Trincomalee in Ceylon which will leave Singapore the only naval base between Simonstown (or Cyprus) and Hongkong. And as the base would be useless without internal security, Mr Marshall will have to give the necessary assurances to cover all possible contingencies, including the coming to power of a left-wing government preaching neutralism.

IT is reported Mr Marshall will present a plan whereby Britain will have "concurrent" but paramount responsibility for Singapore's defence and external relations and that this shall carry with it powers to restore law and order if the otherwise independent local administration should lose control of them. This seems a good plan but it will be useless unless the Colony has an assurance first of strong independent government.

Obviously if independence fails — Singapore remains a Colony until some time in the future when it can be grafted to the Malayan peninsula. So if Britain is prepared to place enough faith in the Singapore delegation — this week, it is largely up to the Colony itself to ensure its independent survival. It will have the well-wishes of the Commonwealth if it is given the opportunity to try.

B. & K. FEELING STRAIN

Curtail Today's Visit To Birmingham

London, Apr. 22.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev are feeling the strain of their visit to Britain and have asked for their tour of the British Industries Fair at Birmingham tomorrow to be cut down. The Lord Mayor of Birmingham announced tonight.

The Lord Mayor was discussing arrangements for tomorrow's visit with

reporters when he received a call from the Foreign Office telling him that the Russian leaders were very tired.

As a result they will fly from London at 10.50 a.m. tomorrow instead of 9.20 a.m., arriving at Birmingham airport at 11.30 a.m.

The Lord Mayor said that instead of staying an hour and a half at the British Industries Fair the visitors

would be able only to walk down the length of

Correspondents who have been following the Russian leaders around have noticed that Marshal Bulganin, who is 60, has been looking tired during the last two days.

This was particularly evident at Oxford yesterday, where there was a tour of the university amid great crowds of boisterous students.

Mr Khrushchev did most of the talking, with Marshal Bulganin walking around and listening in silence to the descriptions and conversation of the university officials.

The Foreign Office issued the following statement: "Because the Russian leaders are tired after their full programme, their departure from their hotel tomorrow is being delayed by two hours, and their departure from London Airport by one and a half hours.

These changes are at the request of the Soviet leaders themselves."

A Soviet Embassy official in London, questioned by reporters about the curtailment in the plans for the Birmingham visit, said that he had not heard about it. But, he added, Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev did not spare themselves in the talks with Sir Anthony Eden. — Reuters.

POLISH AMNESTY

Freedom For 30,000 Prisoners

London, Apr. 22.

Poland is to release 30,000 prisoners immediately by amnesty under a new draft law, and to reduce the sentences on 70,000 others, according to Warsaw radio today.

The radio said the draft was discussed by legal and administrative committees of the Polish parliament today. For the first time since the war some political crimes will be pardoned altogether, the radio said.

Alleged spies and terrorists will have their sentences reduced, while people who indulged in subversive propaganda, crossed the state frontier illegally, or did not fulfil the "duty" of denouncing a criminal, will be pardoned, and reference to their punishment will be eliminated from their files.

Big Reductions

Five-year sentences will be quashed, 10-year sentences reduced by half, and higher sentences reduced by a third. Life imprisonment will be reduced to 12 years while a death sentence will be commuted to 15 years' imprisonment.

For common crimes the draft law provides for a pardon of sentences punishable by two years' imprisonment, such as infringements of the Labour discipline laws. Women guilty of such offences will have sentences up to three years' imprisonment quashed.

Pardon Promise

Crimes committed by an emigrant will be pardoned if he returns to Poland before July 22 this year—the Polish National Day. Under this section, crimes of being pro-Fascist in political life or pro-war Poland are included.

In some cases the crimes of "hoi polloiism" may be pardoned conditionally. If another offence is committed within two years of the amnesty the quashed sentence will be restored, the radio said. — Reuters.

Fatal Collision

Casablanca, Apr. 23. A truck collided head-on with a heavily-loaded bus near here yesterday killing three Moroccans and injuring 28 others, including four women and four children. The victims were rushed to the hospital here by six French air force ambulances which were based near the scene of the accident. — France-Press.



AUTHERINE LUCY MARRIES

Dallas, Texas, Apr. 22.

A controversial negro co-ed from Alabama and a mild-mannered negro preacher from East Texas were married today in a formal church wedding before a mixed audience of some 500 persons.

The bride was Autherine Lucy, whose attempts to continue as a student at the University of Alabama touched off student riots and caused her expulsion.

The groom was the Rev. Hugh Foster, pastor of two East Texas negro Baptist churches and a social science student at Butler College in Tyler, Texas.

Some 500 persons who had been sent invitations by the bride crowded into St John Baptist Church to witness the ceremony. Curious spectators stood outside. The Rev. E. C. Estelle performed the ceremony.

The couple was scheduled to leave on a week's honeymoon immediately after a reception held at the home of the Rev. Estelle, pastor of the church.

The bride wore a floor-length white silk gown with a cathedral train and lace inset on the bodice. After the honeymoon the couple will make their home in Tyler, where Foster expects to get an education degree in social science in December. The bride will continue her efforts to re-enter the University of Alabama by Federal Court order.

After the honeymoon, however, Miss Lucy was scheduled to speak at rallies sponsored over several Texas cities by the National Association for the Advancement of the Coloured People. She said she expects them to take up most of her time for the next two or three months. — United Press.

Rock Kills Boys

Solestons, France, Apr. 22. Three boys were killed when a five-ton rock fell on them as they were playing in a cave near here. — China Mail Special.

RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR HK REFUGEES

Singapore, Apr. 23. Chief of mission for CARE (Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe) Mr. Oden Meeker, is to open a centre in Hongkong for the relief of more than one million refugees from China, according to the Singapore Standard today.

The Standard reported Mr. Meeker as saying during a recent stopover here en route for Hongkong, that CARE

was now gradually moving its relief work from Europe to Asia. Mr. Meeker said the first American shipment to be distributed to Hongkong hospitals, schools and refugee camps would be 738,885 pounds of milk and 273,885 pounds of rice, for teaching carpentry, mid-wifery kits, medical supplies and individual CARE packages of foodstuffs would follow. — Reuters.

They Meet The People At LOC

Besieged By Autograph Hunters

Security Guards Helpless

London, Apr. 22.

Marshal Bulganin and Mr. N. Khrushchev took security precautions for granted here tonight when they were swamped by an autograph hunting crowd at a London County Council reception in their honour.

The Soviet leaders looked tired but flattered by the attention paid to them, scribbled signatures after signature as a milling throng in the huge conference hall of the council pressed cars on them.

Bodyguards, however anxious they may have been about the safety of their charges, could do nothing but assume the crowd was friendly.

Rushed to London from their country talks with Sir Anthony Eden and other British ministers, the Soviet leaders first faced the ordeal of a formal address of welcome in the council chamber of the London County Council.

Party In The Mood

The 400 guests at the reception included the London County Council's 147 members, headed by their chairman, Mrs. Helen C. Bentwich.

The two Russian statesmen arrived at County Hall at 8.30 p.m. and Marshal Bulganin, looked tired. It is believed this accounts for the announcement that tomorrow's programme is being curtailed. Though the Russian leaders did stay for 100 minutes—10 beyond schedule—there was a slight feeling of disappointment for the party was in a mood to go on for hours.

Marshal Bulganin bowed deeply at various points in the ceremonial address of welcome by the chairman, and clearing his throat said:

"On the basis of talks we have already had one thing is absolutely clear—that is that both sides desire these deliberations to be successful. We will, and I am sure the British government will, make an effort to overcome these difficulties so that after a good stay in Britain we will depart as good friends."

The two Russian leaders were swept from chamber to chamber through the vast county council headquarters, which Marshal Bulganin well remembers from his visit here as Mayor of Moscow in 1939.

Absorbed By Crowd

There were anxious security faces as the two statesmen were absorbed in a crowd of guests. Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev patiently, cooped with the watchful eye of Mr. Jakob Malik, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, on them to see that they were not overwhelmed. In conversation, Marshal Bulganin today expressed himself much impressed by the royal family, with whom he had had tea at Windsor Castle. Followed by a phalanx of body men screening their rear, the leaders cordially made their adieu to their hosts, and thanked them for their hospitality. — Reuters.

EXPENSIVE LESSON FOR US NAVY

Washington, Apr. 22.

Investigating senators today reported that a \$265 million project to produce a new naval jet fighter during the Korean war was a total loss except for "the lessons learned."

A highly critical report on the project came from the Senate Preparedness Investigating Sub-committee headed by the Democratic Senator leader, Mr. Lyndon Johnson of Texas.

The report was one in a series of investigations and other reports made by congressional groups on the Navy's attempts to develop an all-purpose carrier-based fighter, known as the "Demon."

"Except for the lessons learned, the money spent on the F3H (Demon), is a total loss," Senator Johnson said in a letter forwarding the report to Senator Richard Russell, Democrat, chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

The report said 107 engines and 60 airframes for the plane were delivered, but only a few of the fighters had actually been flown and none will be put into operational use.

Many of the fighters, without engines, are to be used for ground instruction and testing.

The report gave credit to Navy officials for co-operating in the inquiry. But Mr. Johnson rejected their claim that the Demon programme, was eventually successful because of the recent delivery of the F3H with an engine of greater power.

Mr. Johnson said the programme was "shot through with failure and delay."

The report said a new aircraft procurement plan by the Navy—called "try before you buy"—was best adapted to peacetime conditions. This plan calls for full testing of both engines and airframes before new models are put into full production or placed in active use.

TWO CONCLUSIONS

Senator Johnson said the Demon programme had convinced Navy officials that at least five years were needed—instead of three—to "design, build and qualify a turbine engine."

He said another lesson was that new engines must be perfected well ahead of production of new airframes to carry them. — Reuters.

Explosion Toll

Rabat, Apr. 22.

An official communique issued in Rabat tonight said that five persons were killed and eight injured in a violent explosion at Oujda today. Two of the killed were children, the other three women.

It was understood here that the catastrophe was caused by the explosion of a clandestine ammunition dump. — France-Press.

ALGERIA'S WEEKEND OF TERRORISM

Constantine, Apr. 22.

Terrorist activities in various parts of Algeria over the weekend were reported here today.

In the Kabylia area of Tizi-Ouzou, several Muslims were killed by rebel bands and on some of the bodies were found notes saying "executed on the order of the National Liberation Army." Many telephone lines were cut and farms set on fire. Clashes occurred between rebel bands and security forces from which the rebels fled. Their losses were not known. A goods train coming from Beni Menseur to Constantine was blown up by a mine between Mameur and El Achir. The train was badly damaged but there was no loss of life. Meanwhile, a Muslim tradesman was killed outside his shop by unknown assailants. None of the bus from Chemora to Constantine was stopped by rebels and set on fire but the passengers escaped without injury. — France-Press.

CITY ELECTRICITY BLACKOUT

Trams Stop: Passengers Trapped In Lifts

A major power blackout in Hongkong stopped city trams and lifts and plunged offices into darkness for periods of up to 35 minutes this morning.

Two shorter blackouts followed the first. They caused chaos in some parts of the city and a good deal of confusion in other parts. The first blackout lasted about 23-35 minutes.

It was the result of a fault in the main feeder cable from the Hongkong Electric Company generating station at North Point.

There 20 trams stood in a long line waiting for the cable fault to be repaired. City-bound workers rushed to bus stops.

It struck Hongkong first during the 9 o'clock rush hour as thousands of men and women were travelling to work.

The manager of the Hongkong Electric Company, Mr. W. Stoker, said according to his information the blackout lasted 23 minutes.

Supply Rerouted

Company electricians, he said, managed to restore power to the island by rerouting the supply while others worked to repair the main feeder line.

On-the-spot reporters phoned in scenes of the tramway standstill at North Point. One said the blackout lasted about 35 minutes.

Offices Affected

The blackout, besides stopping trams, plunged city offices into darkness, stopped city lifts, air conditioning systems, fans, refrigerators and electric cooking plants. Electric office clocks also stopped. The Gloucester Building clock stopped at 9.15 a.m. and had not been corrected an hour later.

Telephones did not stop. A spokesman for the HK Telephone Company said that as soon as the blackout occurred the company went on to its emergency diesel-powered generator and its service was not affected. One city office block to be hit by the blackout was Alexandra House.

For less than 10 minutes six lifts were suspended at various altitudes through the block's elevator system.

Five of the six caught were packed with people. One had just closed its doors on a floor and the people inside had the frustrating experience of being on a floor level but unable to get out.

After a few minutes the lift driver succeeded in pushing the doors open. (Contd. on back page, Col. 2)

Boy Kills Parents And His Brother

Mansfield, Conn., Apr. 22.

An 11-year-old boy, seeking revenge for spanking a week ago, carried out a carefully-laid plan to kill his 14-year-old brother and both parents on the family farm yesterday, and then slept soundly in his own bed before disclosing today what he had done. "I planned this deal for a week," the boy told the police. "My parents had spanked me. I planned to kill them."

The State Police said Robert Curgenven wiped out his entire family with seven shots from a single-action .22 calibre rifle after toiling two school mates they could have his 26 chickens if he did not turn up for classes tomorrow.

The police said the boy's father spanked him last week for refusing to go to bed and his mother last spanked him a year ago.

DEADLY ACCURACY

Officers expressed surprise at Robert's deadly accuracy in using his father's gun because his sight is dim in one eye and he wears eyeglasses.

After the shootings, the police said, Robert placed notes on his belongings including a fishing kit, a bow and a knapsack, labelled with the names of friends he wanted them to go to.

He said he did this because "I'll be sent to the reformatory." The police said Robert told them he killed Richard Curgenven, 14, and their parents, Simon, 59, and Beatrice, 42.

Poujadists Fight With Police

Chateauroux, Apr. 22.

Several people were injured in a fight here today between Poujadist supporters and police, wielding truncheons. The fighting, with fists and chairs, broke out when Socialists and Communists burst into a Poujadist meeting which was being addressed by party officials from Paris.

Some of the Poujadists later clashed with the police in the street outside. Several arrests were made. — Reuters.



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German Reunification

BONN APPROVES IKE'S STATEMENT

Bonn, Apr. 22.

West German government quarters here today found satisfaction in President Eisenhower's statement last night that the United States was prepared to seek a solution to the problem of German unity and other East-West problems.

No official comment was yet forthcoming on President Eisenhower's speech, but Government quarters said privately that the President's "forthright appraisal" of the situation after the downgrading of Stalin fully corresponded with the views of the West German Government.

President Eisenhower's mention of the continued division of Germany and US readiness to seek a solution to it came timely for the Government, which has lately been strongly attacked by its opponents for "doing nothing" for reunification.

Ray Of Hope

It served as a reaffirmation of the Government's claim that it had the Western allies, particularly the United States, fully on its side in its efforts to seek ways for reunification.

The Government quarters thought they detected a ray of hope in President Eisenhower's speech that after the recent events inside the Soviet Union it might perhaps be possible to come to an agreement with the Soviet Union on at least some of the major outstanding East-West problems.

They particularly noted that President Eisenhower once again stretched out his hand for friendship with the Soviet Union, if she was genuinely devoted to peace and freedom.

Some Apprehension

But they also noted President Eisenhower's statement that the Soviet regime would have to make more basic changes in its foreign policy before the West could relax its vigilance.

There has been some apprehension in Bonn in recent weeks that the Soviet "new look" policy after the denunciation of Stalin might lull the West into a false feeling of security and weaken the Western military alliance.

These apprehensions were enhanced by the visit of the Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, and the utterances of French Government leaders on what Western policy should be towards the Soviet Union.

Chief Causes

What the West Germans feared most was that the big Western Three might come to a deal with the Soviet Union over disarmament, while leaving such questions as German unity unsettled.

The West German Government insists that the division of Germany is one of the chief causes of tension in the world and that without reunification no agreement in any other field could bring real peace. —China Mail Special.

Action Against Dock Workers

Calcutta, Apr. 22.

The Calcutta Dock Labour Board today decided to call on 800 men of the National Volunteer Corps if the week-long strike of dock workers does not end by tomorrow afternoon. Eight thousand men stopped work last Sunday because they did not receive a mid-month pay advance. They also demanded the reinstatement of four men who had been dismissed.

Nearly 70 ships have been delayed by the strike. —Reuter.

Czech Army Chief Attacked

Prague, Apr. 22.

Speculation that General A. Cepicka, Czechoslovakia's Defence Minister, is falling out of favour heightened here today when he was named in a newspaper complaint that the Czechoslovak Army was not closely enough linked with the people.

Observers here said that unconfirmed reports had been circulating for some time that Cepicka had come under fire from Communist Party leaders for encouraging a "personality cult" around himself as army chief. —Reuter.

NIKKI SENT TO ZOO

London, Apr. 22.

Nikki, the brown bear-cub presented by the visiting Soviet leaders to Britain's Princess Anne, was today transferred from Buckingham Palace to the Regent's Park Zoo, where it will be on view to the public as from next week.

Nikki was given to the Princess yesterday by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Communist Party First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev.

The bear's unauthorised arrival last week caused a minor headache to the British quarantine authorities, but since Siberian bears present no danger of rabies, Nikki was allowed to stay. —France-Press.

ISRAEL'S PEACE EFFORTS AT DECISIVE STAGE

Jerusalem, Apr. 22.

Israel's efforts to maintain peace and security were nearing a decisive stage, Premier David Ben-Gurion told Parliament here today. He was introducing a bill, inaugurating taxes to build up defence funds.

Mr Ben-Gurion said the danger of war had not been so great since the war of independence. Simultaneously, the increasing occasion to reduce tension became clearer each day.

All the big powers realize that a future conflict with the Arab countries would entail the risk of degenerating into a general conflict.

Scraps Of Paper

The result was the mission of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, to the Middle East and, perhaps, the recent Soviet declaration on the Middle East.

Mr Ben-Gurion regretted that the Arab nations had regarded the peace clauses of the armistice agreements as "scraps of paper" and had engaged in guerrilla warfare and an economic boycott of Israel.

He said the Suez Canal blockade had been condemned by the Security Council, but Egypt had ignored the United Nations. The Premier said France had recognised the danger of a disequilibrium of arms in the

Middle East and had sent arms to Israel despite its own difficulties.

"With all due respect for the President of the United States," said Mr Ben-Gurion, "I cannot consider the United Nations Charter sufficient to give a substantial guarantee for Israel's security."

Mr Ben-Gurion was referring to President Eisenhower's statement made on April 8, calling for a United Nations solution in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Mr Ben-Gurion said: "What we expect from the United States is not the sending of troops but the sending of defensive weapons to prevent any aggression."

Received Cable

He added: "Delay in delivery augments the danger of war."

Mr Ben-Gurion said he has received a personal cable from President Eisenhower, but did not disclose the date or contents of the message. —France-Press.



Prince Hassan, eight-year-old brother of King Hussein of Jordan, is photographed on his arrival at London Airport last week. The Prince is to attend boarding school near Salisbury. —Express Photo.

Elizabeth I Had Bottle Uncorker

Washington, Apr. 22.

Delivery of messages in bottles or casks thrown into ocean currents is one of the world's oldest messenger service methods and is being used today more than ever before, according to the National Geographic Society.

In a report on the long-distance courier method, the Society recently said:

"The United States Navy hydrographic office and the fish and wild life service cast sealed bottles and plastic 'drift cards' into the sea at various places to trace the course of important currents. Great Britain, Russia and other countries are making similar studies."

Fell In Love

"But there is a more romantic side to oceanic delivery service on Christmas night, 1945—a young soldier returning from European duty in a liberty ship wrote a wistful letter saying that he was lonely. He sealed the note in a bottle and threw it into the Atlantic Ocean."

"Next September the youth, then a civilian, received a letter from Ireland. An Irish collector, while walking her dog along the rocky beach of Dingle Bay, had found his note and been touched by it. Corresponding through more conventional channels, they fell in love. The postal savior flew to Ireland to claim his bride."

Hanging Offence

"Christopher Columbus sent one of the earliest recorded ocean messages. He set a cedar-wood casket afloat during a storm off the Azores because he was afraid his ship might founder, leaving the King and Queen of Spain unaware of his discoveries. It was fortunate that this explorer returned in person, for the chest remained afloat until the skipper of a brig picked it up off the coast of Morocco many years later."

"During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, a fisherman found a bottle bearing an important political secret. As a result, the Queen appointed an official 'uncorker of bottles.' She made the readings of bottle messages by unauthorized persons a hanging offence. The post of uncorker lasted until the time of George III." —United Press.

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VISHINSKY UNDER ATTACK

YEMEN PACT AIMED AT THE WEST

London, Apr. 22.
The new pact uniting Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen was seen in Western diplomatic quarters here today as a further Egyptian-inspired attempt to undermine Western, and especially British, influence in the strategic Middle East.

- The conclusion of the pact probably had two major aims, it is thought here:
1. Formally to end the Yemen to the Arab nations linked in the series of alliances rivaling the Anglo-American backed Baghdad Pact.
 2. To demonstrate Arab solidarity in opposition to Britain's goal of federating the British-protected states of Aden, which the Yemen claims as her territories.

NOT OFFICIAL

No official comment was available here today on the pact, signed at Jeddah yesterday, a Foreign Office spokesman said. Official reports of the meeting were still awaited. When they arrived they would be given close study.

But diplomatic observers here said it was almost inevitable that the event would be interpreted by the Government here as another of the series of moves which have already made it strongly resentful of the policies of Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister.

Gen. Taylor In Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 22.
The United States Army Chief of Staff, General Maxwell Taylor, who arrived here today for a one-day visit, said that American troops in Germany would not be reduced.

He described as absurd the notion that the country (Germany) remained divided against the wishes of the people. He said the atmosphere in Berlin was admirable. It was truly a front-line city in the Communist era.

General Taylor was welcomed on his arrival by the American Commandant at Berlin, General Charles Dasher, and Berlin's Mayor, Herr Otto Suhr.

Later, he conferred with officers at the American headquarters. He will fly to Bonn tomorrow. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Adversary (8).
 - Hearing organs (4).
 - Spotted (8).
 - Part of a car (8).
 - Beverages (4).
 - Veto (8).
 - Adorn (8).
 - Power (4).
 - Recovering (8).
 - Shuts up (8).
 - Disorder (4).
 - Perceives (8).

- DOWN
- Successor (4).
 - Parched (4).
 - Versifier (4).
 - Past (4).
 - Prize (8).
 - Movements of Sea (5).
 - Noted psalmist (8).
 - Pick-me-up (5).
 - Concur (5).
 - Consumed (5).
 - Commenced (5).
 - Works hard (5).
 - Clear (5).
 - Chaps (5).
 - Widespread (4).
 - Incline (4).
 - Notten (4).
 - Spout (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Gulp, 4. Vague, 7. Improves, 8. Simon, 9. Father, 13. Starred, 15. Diddle, 18. Alter, 20. Eased, 21. Ticker, Down: 1. Grief, 2. Patch, 3. Diverse, 4. Vase, 5. Crimmed, 6. Earned, 10. Trail, 12. Oddment, 13. Stable, 14. World, 16. Dale, 17. Enter.

Theories A Grave Violation Of Soviet Law

Moscow, Apr. 22.

Andrei Vishinsky, Russia's top legal mind until his death two years ago, was today sharply criticised for his theories in a leading Soviet legal journal.

The magazine, the Soviet State and Law, claimed that it was "a glaring violation" of Soviet law to condemn people on the basis of self confession.

The magazine is published by the Academy of Science's law institute named after Vishinsky, who was chief prosecutor at the great Soviet purge trials of the 1930's and later became Russia's chief delegate to the United Nations.

Vishinsky died in New York in November 1954, and was given a state burial in the wall of the Kremlin.

Glaring Violation

The magazine condemned the "mistake" of "denying the need for a court to establish the absolute truth in each case, and permit the possibility of convicting a person on the basis only of probability of some facts or others which are undergoing legal examination."

It declared that the practice of convicting people of grave crimes "only on the basis of personal confession of the accused themselves" was a "glaring violation of the principle of Socialist legality."

The magazine's statement was contained in an unsigned leading article linking the recent congress of the Soviet Communist Party and "the tasks of Soviet judicial science."

Then came a hint that there had been "blind worship" of Vishinsky's works which had been turned into "unimpeachable dogma" despite their "serious mistakes."

Imposed Ban

It referred to the "vile, deplorable ban" of the executed recently chief Lavrenti Beria, and stressed the importance of supervising security organs and court decisions in ensuring Socialist legality. But observers said that at the same time it must be obvious in the reader that the article lays indirect responsibility for the 1936-1938 purges on Stalin.

It has already been said that the Stalin cult was responsible for allowing Beria and his associates to reach a position of power.

The world spotlight was first thrown on Vishinsky in

1933 when, as state prosecutor he demanded the death sentence on five or six British engineers accused of belonging to an anti-revolutionary organisation. Two of the engineers were sentenced to two and three years terms, the others being acquitted or expelled.

(Britain imposed a ban on Russian imports, and the two engineers were freed after two months.)

(Between May 1937 and February 1938, during the great purge trials, Vishinsky was edited in the West with having secured more than 6,000 death sentences, in open court, many against former friends and associates.)

(His often uncompromising attitude in the United Nations earned him the title of "Mi Veto".)

Denied Need

The magazine called today for a study of guarantees to ensure protection of Soviet citizens' rights. It said judicial workers "must overcome mistaken positions contained in Soviet theory on evidence. O. just that kind is the theory of academicians A. Y. Vishinsky, which denied the need for a court to establish the absolute truth in each case." —Reuter.

India Offers Friendship To Pakistan

New Delhi, Apr. 22.

THE Prime Minister of India, Mr. Nehru, told a public meeting at Patna Bihar tonight that what- ever might be Pakistan's approach towards her problems India would remain her good neighbour and would always extend her hand of friendship.

Mr. Nehru said India was at present bending her energies on the task of reconstruction. She had received help from America, Russia, and other countries and was thankful to them. She was trying to develop her inner strength now.

Pakistan, Mr. Nehru said, had joined the Baghdad Pact and SEATO. She was receiving military aid from America instead of developing her own inner strength.

ABLE MEN

The leaders of Pakistan were individually good and able men in their own way but at best they were men who worked in "daffers" (offices). So, there was a difference in their approach and India's approach, Mr. Nehru said.

"India will remain her good neighbour. She will always extend her hand of friendship to Pakistan. We should not do anything which will worsen our relations with Pakistan."

Mr. Nehru added, however, that India would not forgo her rights.

Mr. Nehru spoke of atomic weapons which, he said, had posed the biggest note of integration before the world and the question whether atomic energy should be utilised for the benefit or destruction of mankind would have to be answered sooner, than later. —Reuter.

Cominform Dissolution To Establish Red-Socialist Front

London, Apr. 23.

The dissolution of the Cominform this week represents a major step by Moscow in what is expected to be a sustained drive to establish a "united front" between the Communist and Socialist parties in Europe, a survey today showed.

The Cominform broke up last Tuesday. It had co-ordinated the activities of the main European Communist parties under the rule of Josef Stalin, and its major act was to expel and isolate Yugoslavia from the Communist world in 1948.

Kiss Of Death

Following the dissolution, Moscow has fired the first shots in a propaganda campaign to ally Social Democrats' forces that an alliance, so far as they are concerned, would be "a kiss of death."

Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, said plainly on Wednesday that the dissolution of the Cominform was a step towards the establishment of a common front.

It returned to the theme two days later. Calling for an end to "the split in the labour movement," Pravda said co-operation between Socialists and Communists was now "quite feasible."

New International

The same line is taken in the latest and presumably the last number of the Cominform newspaper, for a lasting peace and a people's democracy.

This said there are now "real possibilities" of co-operation between "the major branches of the working class movement—the Communist and the Social Democratic."

The Cominform journal also suggested that the orthodox Communist leadership does not aim at the early creation of a new Socialist international to which Communist and Social Democratic parties could belong. It suggests that contact should be maintained between national parties by periodical meetings and conferences and by the exchange of delegations.

The newspaper said that this was the method by which other international movements maintained contact.

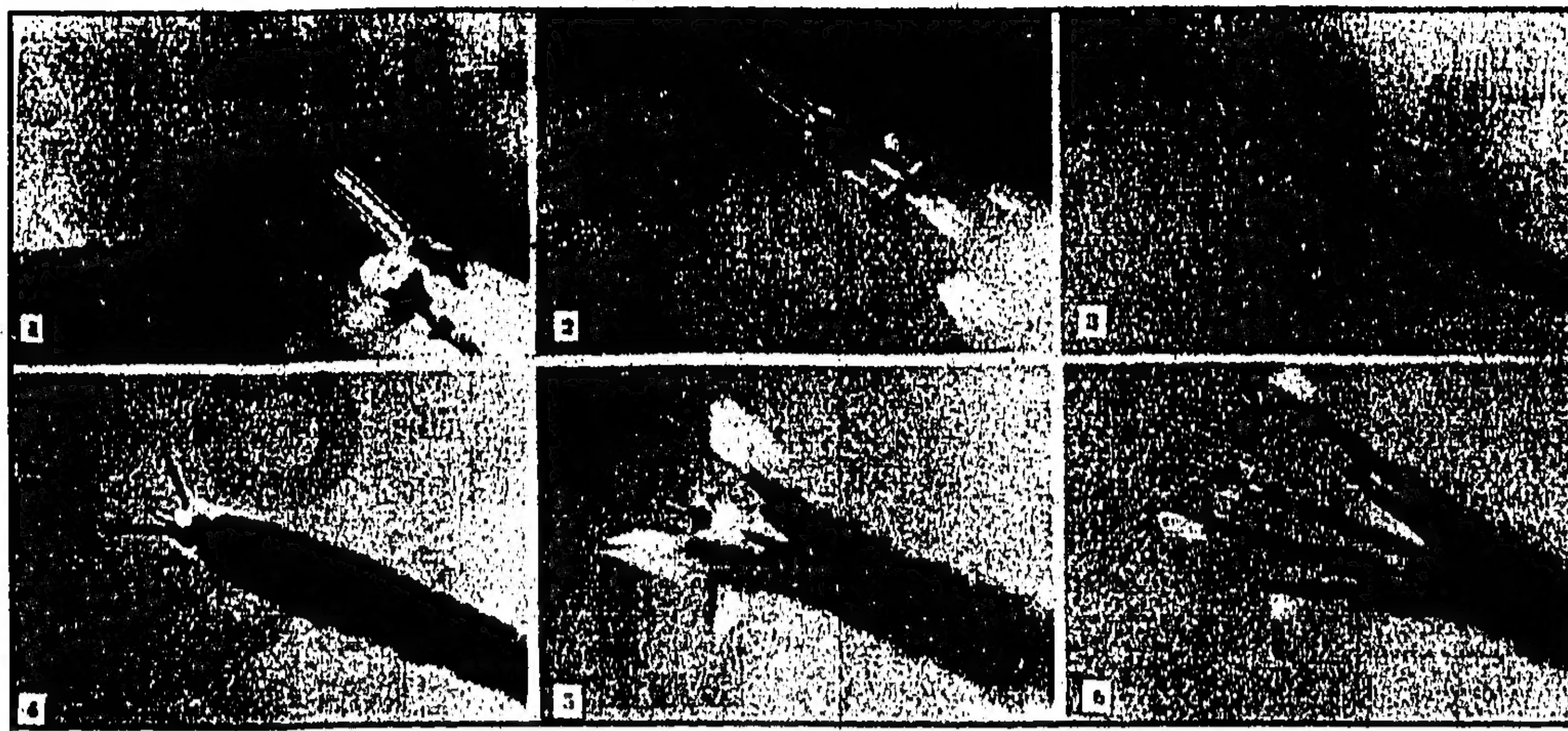
Social Democrats are watching these developments without promising anything, although some Socialist leaders have already given a cold reception to the Russian overtures.

Closer Relations

But in France and Italy, where the relatively large number of parties bring about a complex political situation, Moscow's campaign may yet have major repercussions. Both these countries have powerful Communist parties, and they are eager for a "popular front" with other left wing forces.

Yugoslavia, too, may move towards closer relations with the Communist world in the light of new Russian policy, judging by Belgrade comment. In the West, the success of Moscow's campaign will depend ultimately on how far the Communists are prepared to go to prove their sincerity. While it is true that Stalin drove a wedge between Communists and Socialists after he was

TEST FIRING OF BI-FUEL EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET



These official photographs, released by the British Ministry of Supply, show a test firing of a bi-fuel experimental rocket. The test was carried out on the Ministry's range at Aberporth, Cardigan, Wales. — Reuterphoto.

ALGERIAN REBELS ENCIRCLED

Algiers, Apr. 22.
French troops completely encircled a big rebel band near the town of Tikjda today after a three-day running clash in which 24 rebels were killed, eight others were captured and eight rebel suspects arrested.

The clash started on Friday near the village of Frikat and moved into the Djurdjura mountains where troops attacked by scaling sheer cliffs in crag-studded terrain.

Troops linked up today and continued the fight while awaiting clear weather to launch an attack by helicopter-borne units. —France-Press.

MURDER SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Bangkok, Apr. 22.
Thailand's police chief General Phao Sriyong said this morning that two men had been arrested in connection with the murder of former National Assemblyman Samat Janyiroj, alias Abu Samat, in Narathiwat Province, south Thailand. He did not elaborate on who they are.

Abu Samat as he was known among the Malay speaking population of south Thailand, was shot dead one month ago with the motive still unknown.

The Thai Government is working its hardest to unfold the case and last Friday Premier Pibul Songgram told the Press some five or six would be arrested since the Government had secured strong evidence against them. —United Press.

Motorboat Fleet Fogbound

Long Beach, Apr. 22.
Coast Guard ships and planes today searched for part of a fleet of outboard motorboats missing since yesterday in a race across the murky, fogbound Catalina Channel.

By 1 p.m. the Coast Guard had reduced the number of missing boats from 13 with an estimated 26 persons aboard to nine with an estimated 18 persons on board.

The thick fog lifted enough in spots to permit two planes to join 16 Coast Guard vessels in the search. Some of the boats were reported missing because their owners had failed to check in, the Coast Guard reported.

REMAINED THERE

However, two persons were taken from one boat by a plane and another boat was towed to safety.

The Coast Guard asked that all boats at Santa Catalina Island, the end of the race, remain there until they could be escorted on a mass back to the mainland. Visibility was still poor in mid-afternoon in the Channel.

The missing boats were part of a fleet of more than 200 in an annual, daytime race from San Pedro, California, over the 21-mile channel to Santa Catalina Island. —United Press.

International Situation Easing

—Aneurin Bevan

London, Apr. 22.

The British left-wing Labour Party leader, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, said today that with the visits to Britain of the Soviet leaders in Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, of Vice-Premier Georgi Malenkov, the international situation was "fortunately" easing.

"It is perhaps too soon to be optimistic," said Mr. Bevan, "but nevertheless the international situation is better than it was."

Criticising the Western Allies' plans to aid Germany to build an army, Mr. Bevan said "We had been told by the brass hats that we must rearm Western Germany, because we were so weak the Russians would be through to the Channel in six weeks."

"We did not realise the Russians were such gentlemen in waiting four years."

"We have not got the 12 German divisions, but we have got the Russians through to the Channel—in fact we have got them through to Windsor (the country residence of Queen Elizabeth, which Bulganin and Khrushchev visited today)." —France-Press.

US Cold Towards Stevenson's H-Bomb Ideas

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, Apr. 22.
Mr. Adlai Stevenson's proposal that the United States should set an example to the world by banning further hydrogen bomb tests had a cool reception in administration circles today.

Officials refused to comment directly upon yesterday's speech by Mr. Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate, because they regarded his speech as purely political.

It was described in the Press today as one of the sharpest attacks upon President Eisenhower's foreign policy yet made in the current presidential election campaign.

But officials recalled that in response to similar suggestions by Soviet and other spokesmen, it had previously been pointed out that the purpose of these bomb tests was fundamentally pacific and defensive. They were part of a programme to keep the United States in a position to assure a solid peace in the world.

Democrats are by no means united behind Mr. Stevenson in calling for such a ban.

Senator Clinton Anderson, Democrat, chairman of the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said yesterday that he could not agree with Mr. Stevenson's proposal because there was no indication that the Soviet Union, who have exploded eight atomic bombs in the last six months, would follow the United States example and stop their tests.

On the Way

Meanwhile, preparations are well under way for the United States next hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific in May.

Reporters and other observers selected to cover the test are already en route to the Eniwetok proving grounds and there is no sign of any intention to cancel the tests. —China Mail Special.

Acid-Burned Columnist's Chances Uncertain

New York, Apr. 22.

LABOUR columnist Victor Riesel still was under constant medical examination and treatment today, and his chances of seeing again with his acid-burned eyes were "dangerously uncertain."

A vial of sulphuric acid was thrown in Riesel's face near Times Square early on April 5 after he had made a radio broadcast attacking labour racketeers.

He has been in St. Clare's Hospital under constant guard and treatment since.

A bulletin issued from his bedside last night said Riesel's condition remained "materially unchanged" and that every measure possible was being taken to head off complications.

DEFINITE SIGNS

"His facial burns are showing definite signs of healing," the bulletin said, "but the future of his sight... is even yet dangerously uncertain."

Al Levy, assistant to Riesel, whose column runs in the New York Daily Mirror and nearly 200 other newspapers, said doctors still stood on a recent statement by four internationally known eye specialists who examined the writer.

Curfew In Cyprus Town

Nicosia, Apr. 22.

Large sectors of Paphos were put under curfew tonight after the shooting of a Cypriot Greek earlier today in a street of Paphos—a town mainly inhabited by Cypriot Greeks.

The curfew will be imposed every night until further notice as from this evening.

On the north coast of Cyprus, the authorities tonight began enforcing the punitive closing down of all places of entertainment, which will remain closed every night until further notice.

This follows last night's terrorist bomb throwing attack on a British foot patrol in which three soldiers were wounded. —France-Press.

Queen Attends Wedding



The Queen smiles a greeting as she arrives for the wedding of Captain Ferris Bowes-Lyon, Scots Guards, and Miss Mary McCorquodale at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bridegroom is the nephew of the Queen Mother, who was also present at the wedding. —Reuter Photo.

Wherever the Duke of Edinburgh looks, the image of that other Consort is there—with a warning

A GHOST is a difficult thing to live with. The spectre of Albert, Prince Consort, with haughty face and mutton-chop whiskers, is no ephemeral being which appears in Buckingham Palace on an occasional midnight with a clank of chains.

Albert is always there . . . a perpetual example, a permanent warning to the man who must ever wear his shoes — Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

One of Philip's first self-appointed tasks when he became Duke of Edinburgh was to read and study the life and letters of the man who preceded him as husband of a sovereign Queen.

But long before that it must have become very clear to the Duke that he would never escape from his personal ghost.

Materially Albert is everywhere in the royal home.

His eyes look down from the many paintings in the state rooms at the Palace and at Windsor. He stares petulantly from the walls of the private apartments too.

At Balmoral there is a life-sized statue in the entrance hall. There are reminders wherever the Duke wanders.

Albert's piano stands in the Bow Room at Buckingham Palace.

Albert's china all the stuff he brought from Germany — clatters up the cabinets.

But these are only the relics.

Public eye

THE strong bonds between Albert, Prince Consort, and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, are far from being just dust collecting memories.

Regard their mutual feeling of the unliking public eye. Albert hated the Press. It was he who, with soft persuasion in his guttural voice, beguiled the young Queen Victoria into making her ladies-in-waiting promise not to keep diaries

Prince Albert is the perpetual example to the man who must always wear his shoes . . .



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"Least the secrets of Palace life should disastrously become public property."

The Duke of Edinburgh does not hate the Press. But he has an intense dislike of the film-star approach to life. He finds the harsh light of the television cameras hard to take; the everlasting eye-dazzling flash guns a refusal of the self-effacing way of life of the junior naval officer he once was.

Albert often sneered at the Press. "This," he wrote to his brother Ernst, "does not appear in the newspapers. Exactly for this reason, it is true."

The Duke of Edinburgh has never sneered. But he has often flinched as he contemplates the tight circle around him. As his popu-

larity grows, so does the number of cameras. More cameras, further popularity.

Little wonder that his temper has sometimes frayed.

When he visited the Cote d'Azur, he looked at the French photographers milling round him and murmured: "I will not come here again."

At a public function in Canada he said to photographers: "Hurry up. Get your confounded pictures and scram out of here."

At the Windsor Hotel in Montreal where he was

THE MAN WHO LIVES WITH GHOST

by
ROBERT GLENTON



It is a happy and healthy marital state and one with which the Queen agrees.

In their solitude for their wives, the Duke and Albert could almost be described as bees.

"Victoria must go to the seaside," ordered Albert.

Expert at looking after people, even when they don't want to be looked after, the Duke of Edinburgh was once heard on a snowy morning in Canada to ask the Queen why she wasn't wearing overcoats. He suggested that she should go back and put them on—and so she did.

He has a habit of opening windows wide and saying: "It's much better for you." The Queen Mother has been known to grumble: "There's half a gale blowing through the place."

The Duke tries to make official occasions amusing too, for he thinks this removes the strain on the Queen. Driving past a silent band at the roadside he raised his fingers to his lips and played an imaginary flute. Once when he missed his cue at a Services parade he followed his belated salute with a thumbs up gesture.

Solicitous

HE often nudges the Queen when he notices anything amusing as they drive along.

"I look out for the crafty people," he said about the crowds who line their route. "The people who 'faint' just as the car approaches and get passed over to the front. They recover just in time to get a good view."

He is very solicitous for the Queen's welfare. When she was watching Shakespeare at the Old Vic after a long day on duty, the Queen dozed. The Duke touched her gently and whispered: "Wakey, wakey."

Regarding the attitudes of Albert and Edinburgh towards their sons.

They both display the same tinge of severity.

Albert selected the Prince of Wales' friends, bombarded him with advice on his conduct, even planned his sightseeing for him. And when the Prince of Wales went to University it was Albert who ordered him not to smoke.

Many at the Court have commented on the strictness with which the Duke of Edinburgh rules his children in public.

He has advanced plans for the education of Prince Charles. He wants him to get out into the world, go to boarding school,

to have very much the same life as the Duke had himself.

He is meeting with some resistance. But not so much as when he urged that the little Duke should be taught boxing. On that occasion he certainly did not get his own way. The Queen refused to hear of it.

Clearly, however, the Duke—as was the case with Albert—has having much influence in the moulding of the heir to the Throne.

Hot kitchens

IT has been written of Albert that "his capable, inventive and industrious German brain was well suited for the task he provided for himself of running the royal household."

When he was first married he promptly inspected the kitchens and found them "hot and unhealthy and unfitted for their task."

In his turn the Duke of Edinburgh made a bee-line for the kitchens. He condemned them at once. It had to be pointed out very firmly that the expense of what he wanted done would be exorbitant.

But if the Duke was rebuffed, there was also praise for him. He showed from the very beginning that he was not going to take the way of highly subsidised idle ease.

He was happy indeed when he was allowed to be involved in the repair work and redecoration at Clarence House.

He chose colour schemes and helped to hang the pictures. He planned his own room like a ship's cabin.

Soon both Albert and the Duke turned their attentions from pots and pans to the world outside the Palace doorway.

It didn't take Albert long to become thoroughly embroiled with the politicians. He hated many of them as much as they hated him. He called Palmerston a rogue and gloated when he lost office.

Into politics

THERE is no evidence that the Duke has had even the smallest dispute with the politicians. In fact, most of them who have met him admire his logic, his depth, and his understanding of the country.

But he has his own way of getting into trouble.

Take National Service. Even the unlucky Albert did not get criticised when he declared that military life was a mainly occupation.

But when in 1953, at Edinburgh University, the Duke said National Service was a very important character-building experience and that few came to harm through it . . . he really got into hot water.

It was perhaps ill-advised for him to have altered his views in a country torn between its dislike of conscription and the realisation that it must have it.

In any case the Scottish Socialists made their own opinions clear. The Duke, they said, displayed his passionate militarist desire for uniformity.

"It would pay the Duke," they thundered, "to remember that the British public will not tolerate such interference by members of the Royal Family."

The Duke has not spoken on conscription since.

Interference?

AND if the Duke and his predecessor have erred in straying into politics . . . they have been just as much criticised for their enthusiasm in wandering into the nation's commercial life.

When Albert organised his Great Exhibition it proved a great success and brought a filip to trade.

But it made many politicians angry. Some cried out the prayer that it be struck by lightning, others threatened to blow it up.

Only a short while ago the Duke decided to play an active part in the progress of the British motor industry. He

informed the War Office of his views about the value of the Harry Ferguson car as a military vehicle.

The industry, harassed by labour costs, export battles, and falling sales, is far from pleased.

It has accused the Duke of interference and ignorance.

But although both the Duke and Albert have been told to mind their own business there is this difference: Albert never learned. The Duke, error—it error it be — is that of a man who is trying very hard to do his best and his duty.

The Duke has had much less time than Albert to let his ambitions make an impact on the country; he has already shown that he is determined to understand and fit his life within the framework of the public will.

He is not going to languish in surly defiance behind the red-coated sentries and the liveried footmen at Buckingham Palace. And his willingness to learn has already brought him much more profit than did Albert's obstinacy.

By simple design, an early humility, and a careful study of the life of his predecessor, the Duke's position in this country is far stronger.

Poor Albert! It was 17 years before he was regarded as a British Prince.

Refused title

SITTING in Balmoral in September 1857 Albert wrote: "I am to have the title 'Prince Consort of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.' This ought to have been done at our wedding. But you also know, in what a state affairs were here at the time. . . . I refused the title of a peer as being below my dignity."

Albert was very worried that the young Prince of Wales would have precedence over him. His worries might have been justified. The fact remains that people and Parliament were very angry that he was made Consort.

How differently Prince Philip behaved. First, without a murmur about his royal background, he accepted naturalisation and the title of Lieutenant Mountbatten.

Then came his Dukedom. There was no grumble of it being beneath his dignity, even though he was just thirteenth in the Order and although his son Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall, was to head the list.

Because of his immediate popularity it was very easy for the Queen to do almost immediately what Queen Victoria had found impossible for 17 long years.

Lives diverge

SHE was able to decree that the Duke should be the first man in the land, taking precedence only after her on every state occasion.

With that last comparison the lives of Albert and the Duke diverge and never meet again.

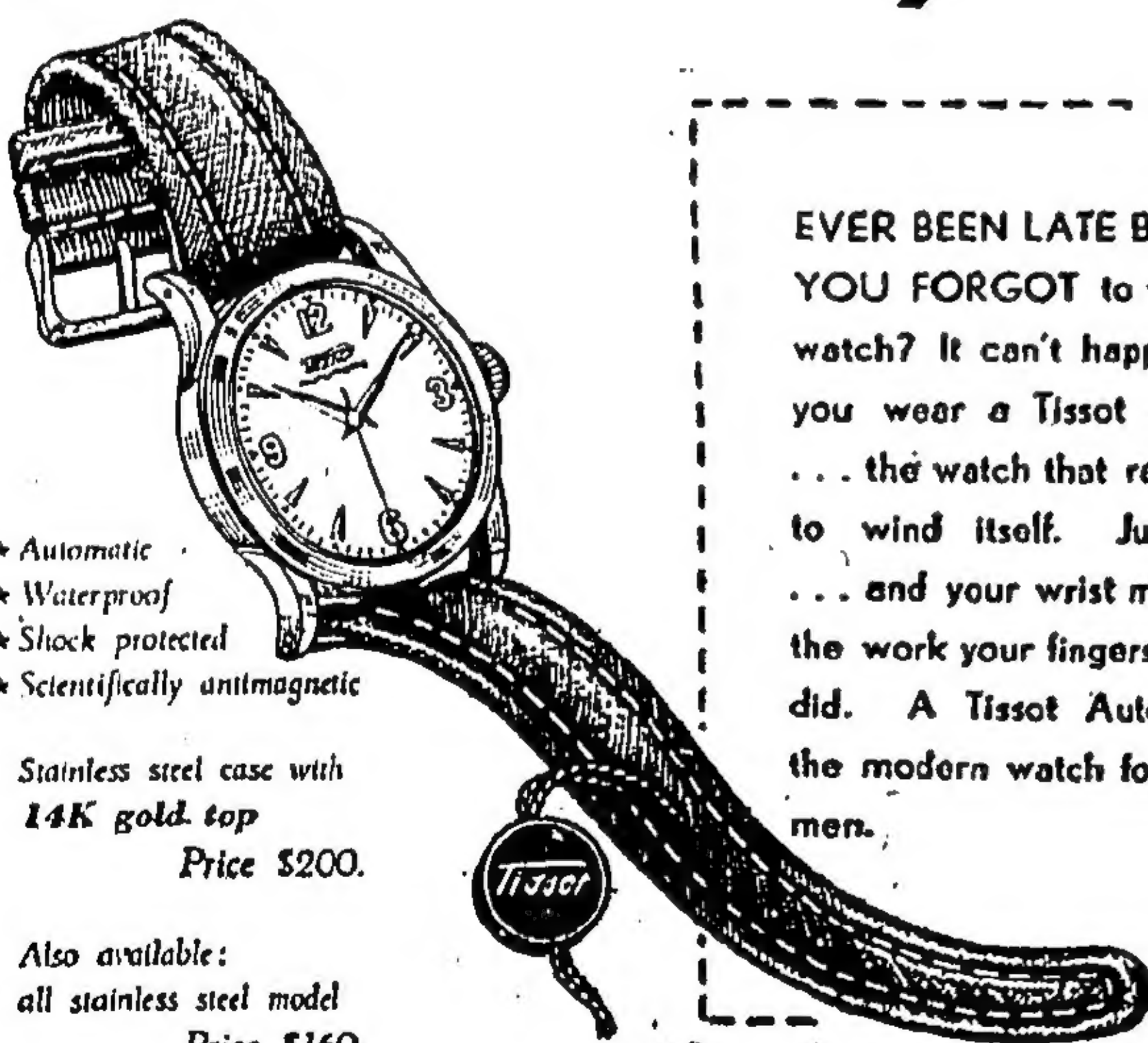
Consciously or otherwise, the Duke has denied that autocratic ancestry that flows in his blood as it flowed in Albert's.

Where Albert regarded himself as always superior to the people, the Duke has come down from his pedestal of rank to meet them, to laugh and to sympathise with them.

He is high in our esteem. Only his own words or deeds could taint the cheers or still the loud praise.

And with the lesson of the brooding Prince Albert around him—with the moody ghost in every Palace corridor—it is hard to believe that the Duke, with such a bright future, could ever commit such an error.

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Ballyhoo? No

BUT these are only the growing pains of a Prince.

Even those who face the problems of meeting a publicity-shy Duke find a great sympathy in his reluctance.

Like the people of Britain and the folk of all the countries he has visited they see him for what he is, a man who dislikes pretension, the ballyhoo of the public relations men. A Prince who likes people and who wants to their company.

What a contrast there is between Albert and the Duke.

The folk of London once crowded the streets in happy thousands to watch the Prince Consort's disgrace when rumour flew around that he was being sent to the Tower as a traitor.

It took them months to get over their disappointment when they found it was not true.

The streets are lined for the Duke. But by people who admire him as one of the most popular men in the world—a man who occupies a space only

The extra room

WHEN he first went to live there Albert simply had an extra room in the Queen's suite converted for himself.

Philip, the new husband, moved into a room in Princess Elizabeth's suite.

And both found great happiness and comfort. In their turn they discovered pleasure in considering the well-being of their wives.

Victoria clung to Albert.

The Duke of Edinburgh fusses over the Queen.

The Consort and the Duke have this in common—they both are the masters of their marriage. In state affairs they follow their wives. In his private life the Duke wears the trousers, just as Albert did before him.

Russia Plans—An Artificial Climate

By **NORMAN LINDHURST**

REPORTS of apparently serious Soviet plans to try (by means of atomic energy) to give Siberia a warmer climate are being examined by West German scientists.

The plans involve the building of dams across the Bering Strait and between the Siberian mainland and the island of Sakhalin, the pumping (by nuclear energy) of enormous quantities of "warm" water from the Pacific Ocean into the East Siberian Sea behind the Bering Strait, and the creation of a giant artificial lake in the middle of Siberia by means of nuclear blasting.

Damming of the Bering Strait would be designed to halt the southward flow, through the Strait, of cold Polar currents which influence the weather of the Siberian maritime provinces and Alaska.

The Soviet theory is that by damming off the Polar current, the Japanese Gulf Stream could be redirected farther north to warm the Siberian and Alaskan coasts. At present this stream breaks east off the Japanese coast, flowing to the Pacific coast of Canada and the United States.

WARMING UP

By pumping vast quantities of warm water from the Pacific into the Arctic, the Russians hope to warm up the coastal provinces of Siberia fronting on the Arctic seas.

The proposed dam between the Siberian mainland and Sakhalin Island would be designed to block the flow southward of cold currents from the Sea of Okhotsk into the

Sea of Japan. In theory this would moderate the climate along the Siberian coast on the Sea of Japan and reduce the period that Vladivostok, Russia's main Pacific port, is icebound and would (theoretically) moderate the harsh climate of the Siberian interior.

Most of the West German experts believe the Russians are quite serious about trying to give Siberia a new climate, and are inclined to take at face value an announcement by Radio Moscow that Soviet scientists have the Siberian project under study and that members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences believe the scheme to be feasible.

The Soviet Union has been in the forefront of Arctic

research since the mid-1930's, when the Communists first began pressing hard to open up and develop Siberia and the rest of Asiatic Russia.

Soviet scientists claim that, by redirecting the flow of warm and cool ocean currents, high and low pressure atmospheric areas could be altered. This, in turn, it is argued, would produce big changes in world weather patterns.

EFFECT ON TYPHOONS

German scientists have long speculated that if the Russians carry out alterations in the Siberian climate, this would have repercussions on Continental European weather and climate.

The elimination of most of the mass of cold air moving into Europe from the Polar regions, according to some scientists, might even give Europe an eventual sub-tropical climate.

The Siberian project would be of direct benefit to Alaska and the far Canadian north. It is claimed, but would make the weather along Japan's eastern coast worse. The cold current from the Sea of Okhotsk would be deflected, by the Siberian mainland-Sakhalin dam, away from the Siberian coast on the Sea of Japan and into the Pacific along the east coast of Sakhalin and Japan.

The Russians propose to dam the Bering Strait at its narrowest point, a distance of 35 miles. The Siberian-Sakhalin dam would be a much smaller undertaking.

The claim is also made that the Soviet project would moderate the typhoon peril in the Pacific. The movement of cold air from the Polar regions would be curtailed, and the impact between warm and cold air masses, which produce the typhoons, would be correspondingly lessened.

UPSETS THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN WEEK-END LEAGUE SOCCER MATCHES

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Spectacular upsets seemed to be the order of the day in week-end Senior Soccer League matches. On Saturday the redoubtable defending Champions, South China, suffered a humiliating defeat after taking a commanding 4-1 lead, only for Sing Tao to tie the score, and then go on to nip in the winning goal to the deafening cheers of the crowd.

Yesterday's Eastern versus Kwong Wah encounter at the Police ground at Boundary Street likewise produced a shock result. Prior to the match even the fondest supporters of the Kwong Wah camp could only hope for a close match, but the manner in which Eastern piled up a convincing 3-0 lead gave an early indication that the Kwong Wah boys were in for a trouncing.

But not Kwong Wah disregarded their opponents to such an extent that they not only put in the three goals that tied the match at three-all but went one step further by slandering in the surprise of all spectators for the winning goal scored by Lo Sau-fook. Kwong Wah's earlier scorers were Lo Sau-fook (2) and Woo Chiu-chung (1).

Immediately after Kwong Wah's winning goal, referee Jones sounded the full time whistle and thus ended Eastern's hopes of getting the equaliser in a drawn game.

Failure to capitalise on their three-all lead brought the downfall of Eastern yesterday. Their over-confidence, especially in the second half, enabled Kwong Wah to take the initiative and the numerous attempts by the forward line for goals in Eastern's goalmouth indicated that goals would come or later come Kwong Wah's way.

DETERIORATED

Eastern's play deteriorated after Chu Wing-keung left the field with a dislocated shoulder. The result of a collision of heads in front of goal ten minutes from the end. Ironically what was Eastern's loss was Kwong Wah's gain for with the score at this stage at 3-2 in favour of Eastern, Kwong Wah's Lo Sau-fook cracked in the shock goal to level the score.

The tension was electrifying after this. With the referee's whistle every now and then, the match took a dramatic turn when in a spirited and tipped holes in Eastern's defence.

Overworked Chan Kar-sun and Chu Man-eh of Eastern slipped in allowing Lo Sau-fook to go unmarked. Lo, in a flash

tapped the ball over to Lo Sau-fook and before the Eastern custodian could so much as move a foot Lo's low grounder rested at the back of the net to give Kwong Wah the winning goal.

Incidentally, Lo Sau-fook's match-winning goal scored seconds from the end, saw the excited fans rushing by the hundreds on to the field to congratulate the underdogs.

Police on duty inside the ground rushed up in force to stop the over-happy Sunday crowd from mobbing the goalkeepers and long after the match was over there were still hundreds of fans hovering around the dressing room.

EASTERN'S GOALS

Eastern had opened their scoring in the 30th minute of the first half. A Ho Yung-fun in Chu Wing-keung's move resulted in Chu working past two defenders to leisurely place the ball into the net with Kwong Wah's custodian sprawling helplessly on the ground.

Goal number two for Eastern came in the 32nd minute and this time it was a gift goal via a penalty referee Jones pointed Kwong Wah's right full back Sit Kam-hung for obstructing Hau Ching-to who was about to lift his foot for a crack at goal. Po-keung, who took the spot kick, gave Jimmy Chang no chance whatsoever with a deft kick.

When the interval arrived Eastern added no further goals to their score but 12 minutes after resumption centre-forward Kwong Wah's right full back Sit Kam-hung for obstructing Hau Ching-to who was about to lift his foot for a crack at goal. Po-keung, who took the spot kick, gave Jimmy Chang no chance whatsoever with a deft kick.

A seemingly convincing 3-0 lead lent Eastern the leisure of playing to the gallery. Chu Wing-keung and Ko Po-keung, the goalkeepers seemed to have left their shooting boots in the dressing room when they came back for the remaining period and when they were in front of the Kwong Wah goalmouth they invariably dilly-dallied with the ball without making any real effort to score.

This over-confidence on the part of the Eastern forward line saw Kwong Wah net their first goal in the 20th minute through Lo Sau-fook, a second off the boots of Woo Chiu-chung and a third, again by Lo Sau-fook, in a space of 19 minutes and to cap this performance Kwong Wah's Lo Sau-fook crashed in the winning goal in the 44th minute and what a picture goal it was!

STAR PERFORMER

Star performer for Kwong Wah was undoubtedly goalkeeper Jimmy Chang who time and again foiled Eastern's efforts to score and the three occasions when Jimmy Chang was beaten were not altogether his fault. Others who helped Kwong Wah to victory were Chan Meng-chi, Tam Yee-chai, David Tsui and Lo Tak-ling.

For Eastern, Chu Man-eh was off form and fans only saw glimpses of Chau in the match. Chu Wing-keung deserves a pat on the back for his display and his return to the field after a dislocated shoulder was all the more commendable for his nose was still bleeding.

Chu Wing-keung had the misfortune of having his name taken down by referee Jones for not informing the latter of his return. In fairness to Chu, he did signal from the other end of the field but this went unnoticed by the referee.

All in all, this match was a memorable one for there were sufficient thrills and spills to keep fans in suspense throughout.

TEAMS

Kwong Wah: Jimmy Chang; Sit Kam-hung, Tam Chun-fai, Ma Man-hung, Tse Kam-hung, David Tsui, Kwok Cheuk-cheung, Woo Chiu-chung, Chan Meng-chi, Lo Sau-fook, Lo Tak-ling.

Eastern: Yung Pui-dor, Chan Kar-sun, Lo Pak, Chau Man-eh, Ko Po-keung, Lee Kuk-wah, Ho Yung-fun, Lau Chiu-lam, Kwok Ying-lok, Chu Wing-keung, Hau Ching-to.

MOTORING

Racing Driver Fatally Injured In Time Trials

Vallejo, Calif., Apr. 22. Walt Faulkner, well-known racing driver from Long Beach, California, was fatally injured today when his stock car turned over five times during time trials at the Vallejo Speedway.

Faulkner was participating in the 100-lap National Championship stock car races when his car went out of control as he approached the North turn.

Track officials said his shoulder strap snapped, but a waist strap held him in place. The car flipped five times and the upper half of Faulkner's body fell through the window. He was crushed each time the car rolled over.

Faulkner was rushed to Vallejo General Hospital, where he died. Faulkner's car was the first on the track for the time trials. Witnesses said he was travelling at about 70 miles an hour when one of his front tires apparently blew out and sent his car out of control.—United Press.

RIGHT INTO THE GOAL



Slims, the Aston Villa goalkeeper failed to save this shot from Brooks, the Spurs' inside-left (seen on extreme right), for Tottenham's fourth goal at White Hart Lane on April 7.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

ARMY 5. NAVY 2

Enthusiasm Was More In Evidence Than Pure Soccer Skill

By I. M. MacTAVISH

In spite of the heat and the bright sunshine at Causeway Bay yesterday, these two Services sides contrived to serve up some entertaining football although enthusiasm was generally more in evidence than pure soccer skill.

The Army forwards made many well planned raids on the sailors' goal and it is certain that they would have run up a very impressive total of counters had it not been for a brilliant display by Cater between the sticks. The Navy keeper was in grand form and he did not require his bushy beard to make him the most prominent figure on the field.

The soldiers' had a heavy share of pre-match worries when both inside-forwards, White and Martin, failed to put in an appearance. This meant a job of re-shuffling, but Frizzell who took over from Martin at inside-left had a very good game and four of the goals came from his thoughtful leading up work.

Jack Glasgow tolled incessantly in an effort to get his Navy mates to produce just a little bit more. He roared all over the place encouraging and coaxing but within striking distance of goal he was well looked after by Egerton.

The Army took the lead in the 15th minute. Frizzell beat several opponents and held the ball just long enough for Middleton to run into position. At the right moment he pushed it forward and the outside-right slipped round Cater before driving the ball into the net.

Two minutes later another beautiful pass from Frizzell gave McLoughlin a chance and the winger made no mistake from 10 yards.

A GOOD GOAL

Play evening up after this but a magnificent diving save by Cater, when he turned a fine shot from Bowering round the post, acted as a tonic to the sailors and with the Army defence in a cross current, Bird beat Charlesworth to give the Navy a good goal.

This stung the Army to retaliation. Frizzell immediately slipped the ball in front of Chalmers and the centre-forward restored his side's two-goal lead.

With almost the first kick at the ball after the interval, Hogan caught the sailors' defence napping and Chalmers guided the ball into the corner of the net. With a clear 4-1 lead the soldiers started to play 'clever' and although some of the play was pretty to watch it did not cause the Navy defenders very much trouble. Cater was called upon to make several good saves but in the 75th minute the sailors broke away.

With the Army defence again caught in a real sailors' knot,

Watson took steady aim and fired the ball into the target area with an accuracy that would have brought a nod of approval from a Gunner Officer.

While the Army lead was reduced to a couple of goals there was always a chance of a Navy revival and in fact, Glasgow only just missed with a grand header. The challenge did not last however and even with Charlesworth off the field with an injured ankle the sailors could not narrow the margin any further.

TREMENDOUS SHOT

The return of the Colony goalkeeper coincided with another Army goal. Frizzell again started the move on the left. As the ball came through the middle Jones failed to intercept and Middleton blasted a tremendous shot into the Navy net.

Egerton, Tolfrey, Chalmers and Frizzell get top marks in the Army side... while the sailors who qualify for special mention were Coles, Jones, Glasgow and Bird... but of course the medal of merit goes to goalkeeper Cater for a courageous display.

VERDICT

Entertaining, never polished... but healthy and clean.

Navy: Cater; Fuller, Glenross; Coles, Jones, Vickers; Yung, Guest, Glasgow, Bird, W. on. Army: Charlesworth; McMillan, Mullett; Hogan, Egerton, Tolfrey; Middleton, Bowering, Chalmers, Frizzell, McLoughlin.

Sing Tao 5, S. China 4

I cannot remember when last I enjoyed a game as much as I did this one. It was a pulsating encounter and the Club stands on Saturday afternoon were no place for folks with weak hearts... in fact weak hearts would have been as much out of place as it would be in the 100 Metres event at the Melbourne Olympics.

When half-time came with the Tigers trailing by 4 goals to 1 you could have staked your own odds on a Sing Tao victory. If anybody had heard you suggest

that such a thing was a possibility, you would either have been ejected from the stadium as an undesirable or regarded as one in need of protection.

I wonder if we shall ever know what magic elixir was injected into the tired and sorely tormented Tigers during the halfway break. Whatever it was it should be jealously guarded as the most important secret invention of modern times. The transformation was virtually fantastic and when Lo Tak-tung swung his boot at ball a few seconds after the re-start and had the satisfaction of seeing it scud into the net the South China net first signs of the interval tonic became visible.

DIFFERENT HALVES

I doubt if there has ever been a game with two such different halves. First it was all South China. Their brilliant young forwards ripped the Tigers' vintage rearguard to ribbons. Goals came with regularity and it was all too obvious that Hau Yung-sang, Chang Kam-hoi and Bobby Harrell had no answer to the feet-footed play of the opposition.

Goals by Ho Cheung-yau, Chu Wing-wah (penalty), Mok Chiu-wah and Lee Yuk-tak against one by Yeung Wai-to gave them an interval lead that seemed impregnable... and it may have been this very fact that lulled the youngsters into a false sense of victory.

Any one of Sing Tao's veterans would have been worth a fortune to South China in the second half. Experience was their big want.

On the other hand they get no marks at all for allowing the inviolable to be snatched from them as it was. Sing Tao had very obviously put all their second-half chips on an all out attack in order to keep the ball as far as possible from their slow defenders and South China played into their hands by themselves falling back in defence. At one stage there was Mok Chiu-wah outside the South China penalty area!!

Two snap goals by Wong Tak-fook in the 5th and 20th minutes of the second half put the sides on level terms and the really began to sense that drama was being enacted before our eyes. South China were shaken to their very roots. In a moment of tension Fong Sai-chow—unsettled no doubt by panic and anxiety—committed a crude and unnecessary foul on an opponent and was given his marching orders. It was significant that even with so many South China supporters in the crowd the referee's decision was accepted as inevitable and in silence.

From the resultant kick Wong Tak-fook placed the ball into the goalmouth and Lo Kwok-lai headed home the winner... but Oh! The South China cowering.

Football like this is a superb advertisement for the game... congratulations to the Tigers... but more a word of consolation for South China... Frederick Dawson did a fine job with the whistle... but thanks to both teams for a grand soccer memory.

VERDICT

BASEBALL

New York Yankees Pass Their First Test With 13-6 Win Over Red Sox

New York, Apr. 22. The New York Yankees passed their first test in defence of the American League Championship with flying colours on Sunday when they once again blasted the Boston Red Sox, 13-6, to complete a sweep of their three-game series.

Home runs by Joe Collins, Don Larsen and Yogi Berra paced the Yankees' 10-hit assault. In three days at Yankee Stadium, the New Yorkers blasted Boston pitchers for seven homers and a grand total of 34 runs.

The victory kept the Yankees a half-game ahead of the Chicago White Sox in the early A.L. pennant chase as southpaw Billy Pierce of the Sox pitched a fancy three-hitter to beat Kansas City 3-0.

Larsen's homer for the Yankees was a grand slam, but reliever Bob Grim was the pitcher on the scene to get credit for the victory with a four-run, tie-breaking rally in the seventh inning on a two-run double by Mickey Mantle and Berra's two-run homer.

Two American League doubleheaders at Cleveland and Baltimore produced splits.

FOUR HOMERS

At Cleveland, the Detroit Tigers hammered four homers to beat Cleveland in the first game, 6-4, with Al Kaline's second circuit clout of the game with one man on in the seventh inning deciding the contest. Reliever Bud Black got the win, while Ray Narveski was charged with the loss in relief of Bob Feller.

Bob Lemon pitched his first complete game since last May 30 to give the Indians the nightcap, 5-2, scattering nine hits for his first win. Vic Wertz's two-run homer led the Indians' attack.

At Baltimore, rookie southpaw Fred Bonam of Baltimore got credit for a 7-3 win in the opener when veteran reliever Harry Dorish helped him out of a seventh-inning jam. Dorish suffered a spike to the head, sustained 12 stitches and will be out at least three weeks.

Camilo Pascual allowed four hits and fanned nine to win the nightcap, 4-1, as Ray Moore went the distance for the Orioles and also fanned nine.

In a National League twin, Robin Roberts pitched a five-hitter to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 3-1 victory over the New York Giants in the first game, before the Giants rallied to win the nightcap, 8-7. Willie Mays' three-run homer in the ninth inning, first of the season for the Major League home run king, proved the difference.

THIRD STRAIGHT WIN

Home runs by Drake, Ernie Banks and Monte Irvin led the Chicago Cubs to their third straight win over the Cincinnati Reds, 4-2.

TENNIS

Third Ranked Aussie Very Worried Over A Weak Ankle

Melbourne, Apr. 22. Ashley Cooper, third-ranked player in Australia, said today he is "very worried" that his international lawn tennis career may be threatened by a weak ankle.

Cooper, 19-year-old Australian, said today he was unable to play in a tennis tournament yesterday because he iced his right ankle playing squash on Friday.

He first injured the ankle in a school football match four years ago and is now worried that the weakness may be permanent.

Cooper, from Victoria, is in the official Australian team chosen to visit Europe this Summer.

In their official rankings announced last week, the Australian Lawn Tennis Association placed Cooper third behind Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall.

the defence was as wide open as a philanthropist's heart... and the gift was accepted as all good gifts should be...

HALF-HEARTED

South China made a half-hearted effort to save the game but brilliant goalkeeping by Tam Nai-huen stifled the challenge almost at its birth. Sing Tao were heroes all. Who would want to offer individual congratulations after a team victory was so magnificent and thrilling as any we have ever seen.

South China... just what can one say about them other than that they sadly lacked an old head to steady them when the tide was flowing against them. They will often play poorer stuff and still win... but not against Sing Tao in this mood.

Redlegs, 5-4, in the first game of a twin bill with lefty Paul Minner getting the victory. The second game ended in a 1-1 tie after seven innings because of darkness when Bob Rush walked home Cincinnati's tying run in the last half of the seventh. Rain shortened the game at Pittsburgh to six innings with the Pirates getting a victory over the Pirates on a brief three-hit pitching job by Don Newcombe, first win for the 20-game winner of last season.—United Press.

ARLINGTON OPEN GOLF

Young Pro From Texas Wins \$15,000 Prize

Hot Springs, Arkansas, Apr. 22.

Billy Maxwell, a young pro from Odessa, Texas, calmly sank a 20-foot putt for a birdie on the final hole today to edge out George Bayer and Ernie Vossler by one stroke to win the \$15,000 Arlington Open.

Maxwell, who lost two earlier tournaments with erratic final rounds this year, played with a grin on his face today and shot a three-under par 69 to wind up with a 16-under par total of 272. He won first money of \$2,400.

Maxwell's pressure-packed birdie putt beat Bayer, Cincinnati, Ohio, who also shot a 69 today, and Vossler, Fort Worth, Texas, who had a hot 68. Both ended with 273's and won \$1,600 each.

Defending Champion Bo Wingler of Oklahoma City, who was tied with Bayer one stroke back of Maxwell yesterday, shot a 70 today and finished all alone in fourth place at 274 and won \$1,200.

Cary Middlecoff, of Dallas, Texas, had a 69 and a real prodigy Pete Fleming, wind up in a tie for fifth with 277's. Marty Furgol, of Lemont, Illinois, shot a 67 today to finish in the seventh with 278.

Maxwell, who opened with an eight-under par 64, led the tournament the way, although tied with Wingler at the halfway mark.

Today he birdied Nos. 5, 6 and 10 before his magnificent effort on the 18th which won a terrific burst of applause from 5,000 in the gallery.

Bayer matched Maxwell's round today and could have beaten it but for a double bogey on the 18th.

Maxwell, who played the entire four rounds in a jovial and relaxed mood, is a former national amateur Champion.—United Press.

Australian Test Manager Expects Record Profit

On Board the Himalaya, Apr. 21.

Mr W. J. Dowling, Manager of the Australian cricket team, said tonight that with favourable weather he expected to record a profit of about £210,000 (£80,000 sterling) on the England tour.

"We don't expect much more from the Tests this time as the grounds were packed on the 1953 tour. But with the intense interest attendances at our County matches may be greater," he added.

Len Maddocks, Australian wicket-keeper, was confined to bed with influenza today as the weather turned cold and showery, while 20-year-old Ian Craig is still suffering from a cold in the head.

The Australians on the last leg of their journey are due in England on Tuesday morning and will probably have their first practice at Lord's cricket ground on Wednesday.—China Mail Special.

Budge Patty Wins French Singles Title

Paris, Apr. 22. Budge Patty beat fellow-American Art Larsen, 6-2, 10-12, 6-3, 6-1, to retain the French Singles title in Paris International tennis tournament today.

Madame Ginette Bucaille retained the Women's Singles by beating Miss Jacqueline Kriemink 6-0, 6-4, in the All-French final.—Reuters.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the.....Club.

(Signed).....

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BREMEN COTTON EXCHANGE

Bremen, Apr. 22. Members of the Bremen "Baumwollboerse," which handles German cotton imports, called today for reopening of the Bremen Cotton Exchange.

In a note to the Federal Economic Minister, Prof. Ludwig Erhard, the market organizers recalled that before the war cotton exchanges functioned in Liverpool, Le Havre and Bremen. Only the Liverpool market had reopened, in 1954, and German traders wanted the protection of their own cotton futures market.

At present, they said, they could not hedge against changes on the New York Cotton Exchange, which opens several hours after the start of business here.

Reopening of the Bremen exchange, the note said, would benefit West Germany and European textile industries, since it would more accurately reflect conditions here than could be done by the New York or Liverpool exchanges. Prices arrived at here would give the textile industry a better and more stable basis on which to plan future production.—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 22. The Bank of France statement for the week ended April 12, reads as follows:—

	France
Total gold holdings	701,204,302.240
Total other currencies	17,330,064,781
Sight balance abroad	170,234,000,000
Advances to subsidiaries	187,200,000,000
Reserve fund	1,234,948,717,273
Bank notes in circulation	2,804,404,037,115
Current accounts and deposits	147,144,684,076

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 22. The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 18, reads as follows:—

	Sterling
Note in circulation	1,842,070,421
Public deposits	20,000,742
Private deposits	291,753,250
Government securities	251,610,029
Other securities	40,000,717
Receipts	36,282,947
Ratio	110

WALL STREET STOCKS IRREGULAR

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Apr. 22. Stocks moved irregularly in a week with volume at the lightest since Feb. 17.

Industrials lost in every session except Friday when they regained nearly all their earlier drop. Rails stood out by setting a new high since Oct. 18, 1929, utilities moved narrowly.

The irregularity that prevailed most of the week reflected just one thing, according to market men—a very high market that had risen for a long time and was in need of a consolidation.

Oils Good

There were a few things held back to produce cross currents. Tension in the Middle East held back some buying. So did firm money. On the other hand, business continued strong in most lines except autos and the preliminary estimates say that will make their second best half in history—the first being 1955.

As a result of these dashes of stimulus the market held in a narrow range most of the time. While leaders met some setbacks, they were developed for special issues. Most of the week, selling new highs on Monday and Friday. They were helped by favorable rail earnings and a rise in car loading to a new high since 1951.

Oils tanks enjoyed a good market from time to time on heavier use of gasoline and talk of higher prices for crude oil.

US ECONOMY HOLDS FIRM

First Quarter Corporate Earnings Supports Evidence Of Boom

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Apr. 22.

A wave of brilliant first quarter corporate earnings reports supported by new statistical evidences of the U.S. boom helped impart a firm tone to the U.S. economy last week.

There was still some concern over the threat of inflation, however, money was tight and the bond market was depressed, after the fifth round of increases in the interest rate the week before. The auto industry still showed no definite progress in its months-long effort to whittle down record stocks of unsold cars. And stock market prices continued to churn indecisively last week toward the downside—following the pattern the week before when Middle East tensions helped depress investor sentiment.

But despite these uncertainties in the economic picture last week, business men were for the most part bullish.

Some of America's industrial giants had a hand in shaping sentiment last week, reporting record sales, net profits and sales in many cases.

How's business? General Electric, for example, reports it never had it so good. Order for the company's 200,000-odd products were 30 per cent greater than in the previous high, set in first quarter 1955. Sales in the first three months were up 14 per cent, net income was five per cent higher.

Sales Increase

The Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation reported a sales increase of 18 per cent in the first quarter compared to a year earlier, net income rose 28 per cent.

Jones & Laughlin, No. 4 producer of steel in the U.S., set a host of new marks, rolling up highs for net income sales output. Reynolds Metals boosted its net by 88 per cent. Sales were up 21 per cent for the first quarter.

All the evidence thus points to the establishment of another high in aggregate profits.

And this past week saw announcement of the largest single year corporate expansion program in history. The International Telephone and Telegraph Co. has earmarked more

than \$2,000,000,000 for new construction this year. With demand at peak, the Aluminum Co. of America reported plans to build an \$80,000,000 primary aluminum production plant.

Incomes Doubled

And the government announced that America's booming economy turned out goods and services at a record rate during the first quarter of 1956. Output was at a rate of 309,000 million, some 1.7 billion above the last three months of 1955. The so-called "gross national product" has been increasing since the middle of 1954. Last year it averaged out at a record 387.2 billion.

On the international level, Eugene R. Bluck, president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, predicted that national incomes in the United States and Europe would be doubled in about 20 years. He forecast industrial growth in varying tempo for all parts of the world. In Latin America, the prospects for industrial expansion were "very substantial." In Asia, countries—namely India and Japan—which are moving ahead in an orderly fashion and still producing surplus, stand the best chances for increasing output.

Thus, the wealth of favorable developments did much to bolster U.S. investor and business psychology last week.

Wall Street observers continued bullish last week despite the market's easier trend. Emphasis is being placed by the experts on the market's continued selectivity. While there is some concern in the market's failure to rally at some stages, it is felt generally that the influx of favorable corporate earnings reports will help to end in supporting market sentiment. Many look for the market to sustain periodic market corrections, but the overall market future continues to be a bright one, in the opinion of the experts.

Steel Heavy

One important bulwark, according to observers, is the fact that more stocks appear to be passing into the hands of the big holders. The market's "easy" trend. These holders are considered elements of market strength in that they tend to resist downward price pressures. Most of the buying by these investment giants is generally done for the long-term rather than for any overnight speculative gain. An estimated 30 per cent of the equities on the big board are said to be held by such investors.

In the light of the government's effort to curb business borrowing by boosting its discount rate last week, business men were making new assessments of the inventory situation. One reason for the government's tighter-money action was the feeling that many purchasers were buying now in advance of an expected rise in prices at some later date. There was always the danger of a major slowdown in buying later this year.

Steel users, including the automotive trade, have been particularly heavy buyers for inventory. Some of the stockpiling up has been due to anticipation of higher prices and a possible steel strike this summer. Outside the auto trade, it is estimated that about 1,500,000 tons of last year's production went into the inventory. Of course the auto industry is the heaviest user, and indications are that unless the seasonal upturn in sales takes place, the industry will take production of the 1957 models with a big inventory to clean up. Thus there may be a tendency for buyers to hold off.

There were two reassuring reports on the level of inventories last week. Standard & Poor's, for example, finds the problem "is less acute than is commonly believed, even though total inventories have risen by 0.2 billion in the past year."

At the end of February, the ratio of inventories was almost identical with that a year earlier, for sales have fully matched the rise in stocks. Inventory buildup has been heavy in auto and related lines, but elsewhere the inventory accumulation has been "relatively moderate," the agency said.

Key Ratio

Prentice-Hall, well-known analysts, find that the key ratio continues generally below those of a year ago. Big exception, it reports, is in retail hard goods. Huge stocks of unsold cars—some 900,000—have pushed up the ratio of inventories to monthly sales above the post-Korean average of 2.03. But even here, it notes, the ratio is well below the post-Korean high of 2.41.

There was rise in manufacturers' ratios—namely hard goods, from 1.98 as of January 1 to 1.98 on March 1, 1956—but this partly reflects bigger prices hikes in raw materials than in finished goods and partly steel hedge buying.

The agency notes that rising trends in manufacturers' inventories are still continuing. They would be more serious, it adds, if the new order picture were not so satisfactory, noting:

Full Books

"Although new orders in the first quarter of 1956 are off from the late '55 volume, there's no sign of a further downward in coming months. New orders in 1955 were 24 per cent above the 1950-54 average, establishing a new plateau of economic activity."

Consumer, business and government spending will all combine to keep most manufacturers' order books full through 1956.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Apr. 23. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co.	\$1.02
British Borneo Petroleum	47/6d
Consolidated Tin Smelters	27/3d
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	\$1.07
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Pref.	\$0.70
Banking Corp.	\$80
Kempas Ltd.	\$1.52
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	\$1.20
South British Insurance	\$1.20
New Seranah Rubber Co.	\$1.72
Petaling Tin Ltd.	\$2.50
Raffles Hotel	\$2.30
Singapore Cold Storage	\$1.40
Straits Trading	\$20.00
United Steamship	\$2.50
United Engineers Ltd.	\$1.50
Western Elec.	\$2.77

Exchange Rates
Dollars were down in the local market, exchange markets. The dollar was down 1/2 cent to 1.25. The pound was down 1/4 cent to 1.50. The yen was down 1/4 cent to 1.25. The rupee was down 1/4 cent to 1.25. The dollar was down 1/2 cent to 1.25. The pound was down 1/4 cent to 1.50. The yen was down 1/4 cent to 1.25. The rupee was down 1/4 cent to 1.25.

India Imports Japanese Locomotives

New Delhi, Apr. 22. Minister of Railways Lal Bahadur Shastri today informed Parliament that India will import locomotives and electric coaches from Japan.

He said an agreement had been reached with a Japanese firm, Mr. Shastri said, the Japanese government had also offered India to help them manufacture electric coaches.

Meanwhile, the Indian government has entrusted a Calcutta firm, Messrs. and Company to manufacture some electric coaches.

An order for manufacture of similar coaches has also been placed with a Japanese firm.

The government needs the coaches immediately to electrify the Calcutta suburban railways as a part of its second five-year programme.—United Press.

JAPANESE STEEL TO INDIA

New Delhi, Apr. 22. Japanese steelmakers have agreed to reopen bargaining with India for the sale of half a million tons of steel, it was learned here today.

The steelmakers are expected here next month. Negotiations broke down last June when the Japanese refused to accept terms offered by the Indian government. A Japanese Embassy spokesman said the fresh Japanese gesture was occasioned by "the changed world situation following the Geneva spirit and recent Soviet moves to relax tension."—United Press.

US RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Apr. 22. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season as to April 20, were as follows:—

	Exports
Britain	601,062
France	756,719
Germany	1,000,000
Italy	1,250,273
Japan	2,794,031

Excluding liners.—United Press.

LONDON STOCKS BOUNDED UPWARD

By C. T. Hallinan

London, Apr. 22.

Stock markets bounded upward this past week as soon as Mr. Macmillan's budget moved fully in the view of the City of London. In fact, the extent of the rise was rather disconcerting.

The Financial Times index of leading industrials rose 10.2 points from 184.3, it's close a week ago to 194.5 this past week.

It seems agreed that the basic factor was a general relief that the Budget was not as harsh as many had feared it would be. This is obviously a short-term reaction and could easily be modified on further consideration of the fundamental question: Is Mr. Macmillan pulling the country out of its inflationary difficulties?

Un-British

There is no general agreement on this yet. This is still a bear market with prices of the most attractive industrial shares still "cheap" compared with last year.

This famous index of leading industrials is still below the 203.5 at which it began this year, not to mention its short-lived peak, touched in July last year, of 223.5.

As another rescue operation the budget is not criticized in concrete terms but it is only moderately praised. Fundamentally it aims to stimulate growth within the movement of public finance. The adoption of the "kitty bond" heretofore always resisted—and the general results can only become apparent months from now. Compared with a week ago, the "blue chip" three-shilling index, which includes big electrical engineers and manufacturers, jumped eight shillings and Associated Portland Cement rose 11 shillings, reflecting the fact that the market is looking for a good deal of new investment. Unilever, Rolls Royce and Queen Mary were up around six shillings for much the same reason.

But the general picture was one of rises of three shillings or a little over; Associated Electrical Industries, British-American Tobacco, Bowaters Paper, Vickers and Woolworths were all in this class. Imperial Chemicals rose four shillings but it is still cheap compared with its peak of the past 12 months. Insurance shares were in a class by themselves and benefited directly from the budget concessions of tax relief on those members of the public buying annuities for their old age. Prudential Assurance "A" shares jumped £3 1/4 to £24 1/4, ex-dividend, but it is still well below its high of £54 1/4.

Oil, as nearly always, was also in a class by themselves. Royal Dutch jumped nearly £4 to a new high at £7 1/4, and Anglo-Egyptian "B" 2/6.

Foreign bonds were surprisingly strong despite the fact that they seemed to be ignored so far as press comment went.

Potash Wobble

German Young Loan assented jumped £7 1/4 and the non-assent £7—they were rising almost every day of the week. The Dawes Loan assented, despite going ex-dividend, gained £1. The two Polish Loans wobbled a good deal but closed moderately lower with the 0 1/4 per cent down 2 1/4. Japanese were mostly higher by 10 1/2 to 15 1/2. The two French Loans wobbled a good deal but closed moderately lower with the 0 1/4 per cent down 2 1/4. Japanese were mostly higher by 10 1/2 to 15 1/2. The two French Loans wobbled a good deal but closed moderately lower with the 0 1/4 per cent down 2 1/4. Japanese were mostly higher by 10 1/2 to 15 1/2.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$550,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS LTD.

Sydney, Apr. 22. Contract for purchase of \$5,000,000 worth of Australian blue asbestos from West Australian Asbestos Ltd., was signed here last Friday by R. Fisher, President of Johns Manville Corp., of New York. The contract provided for purchase of 7,000 tons annually for the next five years of Wittebon mines production.

Blue Asbestos formerly supplied Johns Manville from South Africa.—United Press.

Farm Legislation Upsets Cotton Futures Market

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Apr. 22.

Cotton futures last week ruled alternatively steady and unsettled as traders swayed by the changing complexion of Washington news dealing with farm legislation.

At Friday's close the list ruled 35 points lower to 45 points higher or off \$1.75 to up \$2.25 a bale, compared with the preceding week.

Following the Presidential veto of the farm bill, prices fluttered uncertainly as the market ran into a new set of uncertainties growing out of the government's programme for sale of the raw cotton surplus in world markets at competitive prices. Some disappointment also was expressed at the parity support rate of 62 1/2 per cent, set for the 1956 crop on middling 1/8 inch cotton. This would figure out to around 32 1/2 cents a pound for middling one-inch cotton. Some quarters recently thought the figure would be nearer to the 33 cents mark.

Surplus Bids

But other quarters pointed out that the rate for one-inch cotton was just a little more than 2 1/2 cents a pound under the rate for the current crop for the same grade, and compared with a three-cent drop originally indicated, during debate on the farm bill, as desirable by the Secretary of Agriculture Mr. Benson.

Moreover, the Department of Agriculture figured that if the quality of the crop equals the average of last year, the support price will average 86.4 per cent of parity.

Moreover, if the parity rate shows an increase in the July report, when the final loan rate will be determined, the interim rate of around 32 1/2 cents a pound would be raised proportionately.

First bids for the government surplus stocks will be received on April 24.

The Census Bureau reported domestic consumption of raw cotton during March totaled 916,390 bales. The figure came about 10,000 bales ahead of trade expectations and compared with 760,580 bales used in February and 833,235 bales consumed in March last year.

The New York Cotton Exchange Service Bureau estimated exports of US cotton for this season will not top 1,800,000 bales compared with 3,440,000 bales shipped last season.—United Press.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Apr. 22. After a hesitant opening the market firmed on Saturday and there was a good trade buying. It eased slightly in the afternoon. Futures:

	May	June	July
No. 1 rubber per lb.	12-02 1/2	12-02 1/2	12-02 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb.	11-02 1/2	11-02 1/2	11-02 1/2
No. 3 rubber per lb.	10-02 1/2	10-02 1/2	10-02 1/2
No. 4 rubber per lb.	9-02 1/2	9-02 1/2	9-02 1/2
No. 5 rubber per lb.	8-02 1/2	8-02 1/2	8-02 1/2
No. 6 rubber per lb.	7-02 1/2	7-02 1/2	7-02 1/2
No. 7 rubber per lb.	6-02 1/2	6-02 1/2	6-02 1/2
No. 8 rubber per lb.	5-02 1/2	5-02 1/2	5-02 1/2
No. 9 rubber per lb.	4-02 1/2	4-02 1/2	4-02 1/2
No. 10 rubber per lb.	3-02 1/2	3-02 1/2	3-02 1/2



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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Grandad Loses All

It is not so long since grandfathers were generally regarded as being a sedate, slow-moving section of the community, perhaps to be feared, more likely to be ignored, dismissed as back numbers.

There always were occasional sportive, frisky grandfathers to give the lie to the popular notion, but the general transformation of the grandfathers into staid patriarchal figures that took place when the first grandchild was born, was as sudden as it was real.

Nowadays, as often as not, the transformation operates the other way round.

Men for years worn down by family responsibilities, see their first grandchild as herald of their freedom. It is when they are grandfathers that they begin to live.

UPGRADED

SO, perhaps, Richard hoped it might be with him. Three of his four children were married. He was a grandfather. And he was only 47. Life seemed to him full of promise.

The wages that had used to go to clothing and feeding and saving for six, now needed only to provide for three. And his wages were increasing, for only a few months ago Richard was upgraded to the rank of checker by the Transport Commission for whom he worked at one of their London depots.

His basic rate of pay—the figure, no doubt, upon which his union would base its periodic claims for more—was £6 14s a week. But for the past two months he has taken home each Friday an average of just over £13 he was doing fine.

MONEY-BOXES

UNTIL the other day. Then they arrived at the depot when Richard worked a tea-shift which had been wrongly routed. Whether it arrived a little bent, or had to be opened for inspection, cannot be said, but for one reason or the other Richard caught sight of its contents.

The tea-chest was full of children's money-boxes, charmingly made in the shape of animals and birds—enough to tempt any child to save. Richard, seeing the money-boxes, thought of his grandchildren. He remembered the money struggles he had known. He was overwhelmed by a grandfatherly desire to instill into his children's children a desire to be thrifty and save. He stole five of the money-boxes.

WHY? WHY?

IT was not long before he was caught, and at the Croydon court Richard pleaded guilty to stealing the money-boxes, which were valued at £2 17s. 8d.

The magistrate, Mr. C. Campion, heard the story. He turned with a sigh to Richard. "What a fool you are," he said, "you have a perfectly good chamber and a good job, and you chuck them both away for these silly money-boxes. Why? Why?"

Richard, a slim, dark-haired man, whose colour had drained away, said: "I'm very sorry, it's the first time it's happened, it'll never happen again."

FOR GRANDCHILDREN

"I'm sure you're sorry," the magistrate said, "and I'm sure it won't happen again, but why did you do it, when you were earning good money?"

"It was for my grandchildren," Richard said innocently. "Well, you've lost your job," said the magistrate, "this is a great tragedy, I reckon. I shall discharge you conditionally, but you must pay £50 costs."

"Yes, sir," Richard said, and he crept away, slow-footed, unsure, suddenly aged, like a grandfather of another day.

Press Photographer's Thefts

LI Fuk-lun, 25, described by the Police as a 'Press photographer', was cautioned and bound over in \$1,000 for one year by Mr. F. K. d'Almada at Central this morning for larceny of four cameras from the storeroom of the Sing Tao Jih Pao.

The cameras, which had been pawned, were ordered to be returned to the owners and the defendant was ordered to pay \$500, for which three of the cameras were pawned.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that the offences were very serious. He took into account that this was defendant's first offence and that he had rendered assistance to the Police. "You ought to be thoroughly ashamed of yourself," Mr. d'Almada continued. "You have married your own character."

Det. Insp. M. J. Connelly said that the complainant, Chung Kwan-yiu, chief Press photographer of the Sing Tao Jih Pao, reported to the Police of the loss of a camera, valued at \$700.

When cautioned, the defendant admitted three other thefts of a similar nature from the storeroom of the newspaper office.

Three of the cameras had been pawned at two pawnshops for \$520 while the fourth one was recovered from a camera dealer.

The defendant, Insp. Connelly said, was by profession a Press photographer. Unfortunately he had had a hard time. He had given considerable assistance to the Police in the investigation, Insp. Connelly said.

The complainant said he sympathized with the defendant. A friend of the defendant told the Court that he would make restitution on his behalf.

Five other lifts were caught between floors.

Of the four containing passengers, lift drivers managed to work open the doors to let air circulate.

Some of the lifts were either just below a floor or just above it.

But although they discovered when they managed to get the lift doors open that passengers could crawl to safety, few bothered.

One lift driver put it this way: "You see, they were all in their nice clean whites and did not want to dirty themselves."

But he reported all passengers showed exemplary behaviour. There were no screams—a few "ohs" and giggles and lots of people being very funny about it.

Gloucester Building was more fortunate. None of the lifts was caught between floors. But the service was stopped.

Two blackouts occurred later in the morning but they lasted 10-15 minutes and were less extensive than the first.

Trams were reduced to a crawling pace, but were not stopped.

Again, office lights, conditioning systems, and all electric office equipment stopped.

Lifts again stopped and during the suspension men and women had to climb flights of stairs.

It was not work—the thermometer hovered around the 80s.

Francisco Giving Up Govt Posts

London, Apr. 22. The Sunday Times said today that General Franco was planning to relinquish the posts of head of the government, head of the legislature and head of the Falangist movement.

A referendum will be held in Spain before the end of this year concerning the proposed changes, it added.—United Press.

Soldiers Injured. Nicosia, Apr. 23. Three British soldiers were injured, one of them seriously, when a terrorist gunman ambushed an army truck near Limassol (south Cyprus) last night.

The terrorists attacked with automatic weapons and threw a bomb at the vehicle, Franco-Press.

St George's Day Cenotaph Ceremony



Russia's Atomic Expert Will Learn No Secrets At Harwell

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Apr. 23.

A clamp down on information about Britain's bid to harness the power of the hydrogen bomb for industry has been ordered while the Bulganin-Khrushchev mission visits atom stations.

This order, disclosed last night, was imposed at the Harwell atom station by Sir John Cockcroft before he flew for secret talks in Washington on Saturday.

Foreign Office chiefs have ruled that it is of the utmost importance there should be no grounds whatever for any Soviet propaganda claim that Britain is willing to exchange information with Russia on this delicate subject.

Such a claim would cause strong reaction in America, though Britain and the United States do not share secrets on hydrogen power developments. There are two further reasons for the clamp down.

1. Industrial advantages of harnessing hydrogen power are so staggering that any advances are regarded as national trade secrets.

2. Talk about hydrogen power experiments might inadvertently reveal information about hydrogen bomb progress.

Radio Hongkong

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